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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84119

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Desmond Shields  
2848 East 2100 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

Dear Mr. Shields:

Your Notice to conduct mining exploration operations under BLM's 43 CFR 3809 surface mining regulations was received on October 29, 1990 and we have assigned your operation case file number U26-91-01N. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence.

Our minerals staff specialist, Dan Washington, reviewed the Notice that you recently submitted and found it incomplete in the following areas:

A more detailed description of your proposed operations is needed so our staff can make a complete analysis of the impacts from your proposed operation. This includes the date you plan to start your operation, and how long it will take to complete your proposal, type of drilling equipment to be used, how many drill holes are planned, the location of the drill holes on a large scale map, if the backhoe will be used for trenching the location, width and depth of trenches, and the method of removing and storing overburden for reclamation.

According to our Master Title Plats the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 21, T 8 N, R 18 W, is split estate ownership with the surface estate being Federal and mineral estate being private. This land ownership is not covered under BLM's 43 CFR 3809 surface mining regulations, therefore, it is not open for mineral entry under the mining law. That portion of your Greenstone claims which lies in section 21 although excepted by our BLM Utah State Office are technically not valid. Operations on this land type requires a landowner agreement with both the surface and subsurface landowners and a submission similar to a 3809 notice to The State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

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Dan would like to meet with you in the field to better understand your proposal and make some recommendations for rehabilitation.

Our area wildlife biologist indicated that the proposed operation lies within an area used by eagles as critical winter range and recommends that operations such as yours be conducted between March 16 and December 15 of any given year to protect this natural resource.

Thank you for your concern and positive attitude towards conserving and protecting our natural resources. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Washington, our surface protection specialist for 3809 activities at (801) 977-4359.

Sincerely yours,



Leon E. Berggren  
Bear River Resource Area Manager

cc: Anthony A. Gallegos, UDOGM